

ONE  
THING

September 4, 2022

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PRAY • WHAT IF YOU ONLY HAD ONE MESSAGE • ONE THING YOU WANTED YOUR LIFE TO DEMONSTRATE

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He had everything! What did he lack?

CHART OF THE COMMANDS • JESUS LEFT FIVE THINGS OUT • 5 THINGS = 1 THING = 2 THINGS • MK 12:29-31

**LOVING GOD = LOVING OTHERS**

JOHN 4:21 • THE COMMAND WAS PERFECTLY TAILORED FOR HIM / AND US!!!

Aside on the power of wealth...

- It makes us think God is **PLEASED** (blessing).
- It makes us think we don't **NEED** God.
- It makes us think we **DESERVE** what we have.
- It makes us think we deserve **EVEN MORE**.
- It makes us think **OTHERS DON'T**.

A DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN US AND GOD AND US AND OTHERS • BLOCKED FROM LOVE

## Take It Home

Some of us have an abundance mindset...

ILL: LIFE FOR THE TAKING! • I BLAME THE POOR, I BLAME THE SNOWFLAKES, I DON'T SEE DISCRIMINATION

Some of us have a poverty mindset...

ILL: BLAMING YOURSELF FOR MISSING OPPORTUNITY, EMBARRASSED TO ASK FOR HELP, JEALOUS, COVETING BOTH CAN BLOCK YOU FROM LOVING GOD AND OTHERS

We should adopt a living water mindset...

WHAT I RECEIVE I GIVE • GOD GIVES \_\_THROUGH\_\_ ME.

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DON'T LET ANYTHING BLOCK YOU FROM LIVING YOUR ONE THING.

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We do what we do because we believe God has called us to be a blessing to others, helping make their life better because of the love of Christ. We do what we do because we believe that when we serve others, we discover a little more what abundant life really is. Whether you are discovering life in Christ or you want to help others, you've found a home with us.

### **Today: Kidopolis Neighborhood Open, City Closed**

Once again, we are low on volunteers for Kidopolis, so the City, our program for kids in elementary school, is closed today. Toddlers through Kindergarten will still have their program in the Neighborhood.

### **Today: Gratitude Sunday**

On the first Sunday of the month, we emphasize an attitude of gratitude toward God for all the blessings he has given us. We do that by receiving communion, thanking God all over again for the gift of his Son. And we do it through the bringing of tithes, thanking God for his material blessings in our lives by giving back the first portion of what he has given us.

**Special Note:** Because of your faithfulness to the church, we have been able to give out \$750 to "Wheels for Work," have begun supporting a new missionary family (Peter and Heather Hanson), and have been able to give a special gift of \$500 as a scholarship for Matt and Lina Reed's son Sam! We love giving!

### **Fusion Lock-in, Today**

We are launching Fusion with a lock-in at Sunrise from 8pm Sunday September 4 until 8am Monday September 5! It's going to be a fun night of games and food! The theme is "Mismatched" so wear weird mismatched clothing, and be ready for some weird games too.

### **Small Groups**

We have a number of small groups currently running:

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**Wednesday, 7:00pm.** Multi-church, multi-racial adult Bible Study meeting in September at our place. Contact Pastor Jeff (765-404-0807) or join by Zoom with this link: <https://lafayettecc.org/go/zoom-foster>

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